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SPECIAL REPORT

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

The following hard information has been received from sources considered reliable and represent the more noteworthy developments in the current demonstration and resistance atmosphere surrounding the Democratic National Convention:

During a speech made in Grant Park on the evening of 29 August 1968, David DELLINGER, Chairman of the National Mobilization Committee, inferred that he wanted to create a National Liberation Front in the U. S. A. He also read a telegram of support from Havana, Cuba, which ended "Create more Chicagos."

On 29 August 1968, the Rev. Ralph ABERNATHY, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), addressed a crowd of 5000 gathered in the vicinity of the Hilton Hotel. ABERNATHY stated that although the SCLC had lost at the Convention, they would win in the streets. Dissident leaders Tom HAYDEN, Rene DAVIS, Dick GREGORY, and Andy YOUNG also spoke to the crowd with DAVIS stating that his organization (NMC) is expanding their infiltration of the Armed Forces.

Shortly after 7 p.m., 29 August 1968, a group of some 2000 demonstrators led by Dick GREGORY defied Police orders and attempted to march on the AMPHITHEATRE. GREGORY, Rennie DAVIS, and approximately 40 others were arrested. Tension mounted following these arrests and culminated in an outbreak of fighting which caused some property damage in the area. Police and troop units finally were able to confine the crowd, which now numbered about 4000, to Grant Park.

It was reported on 29 August 1968 that eighty officers of the Chicago Police Department had been injured as a direct result of the demonstrations held during the DNC. The vast majority of the injuries (51) were incurred during the violence of 28 August 1968.

Several prominent national political figures including Sen. Eugene McCARTHY and Pierre SALINGER addressed dissident elements in the Grant Park area during the daylight hours of 29 August 1968.